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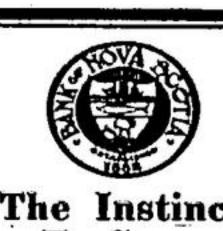
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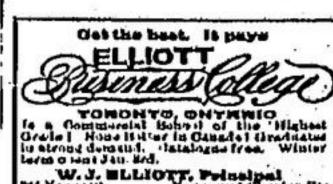
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Three birdles sat prouched on the limb o For the weather was chilly and cold 'Hut the springtime is here, soon all

"O won't that be fun?' so chirped Num

Three ducklings stood ranged by the sidof the brook : The water had truly a dangerous look. gully about.

Number Two. "We'll be drowned, mark my word," sai the obstinate Third. Three brooklets looked north from the house in the bill,

And they babbled as brooklets, when young, ever will, "How nice it will heat last to run free And seek through the earth for our hos in the sea. Now won't that he fun,"

"Oh, you're really abourd, we'll get lost, said the Third. Three laddies stood ready one happy spring-

"We will steadily rise till we mount to the tkies : Vor success always comes to the fellow Now won't that be fun," shouted brave

Number One. I'll try it with you," gravely said Number "Well you just take my word, you will fall," said the Third. Now birdle and duckling and brooklet and

Though the fallure, I've heard, was in

boyishly expectant. "I felt I was in luck when they took me

to you girls !" He was so pleasantly evolted himself as he drew out another photograph from the pile in the purtfolio that he failed to take in the peculiar expressions that were settling over the faces of his two daughters.

window under a low roof. "In the room where I was born. You haven't the last idea how queer it made me feel to go through the old house again. And have was the room I had all through my boybood-till we sold the old place. The same old apple tree is there by the window. My, how good apples used to taste! I Louise's bright face looked in. hunted till I found a 'water-core' when was there the other day! Queer how a flavor or an odor can carry you back years

for a few minutes." Janab was looking ourlously at the ploture. What a tiny, cramped little house them. them at different times so much about those that being the little house you were born Indeed, to notice that three women were boyhood days, the early privation, the in! How levely that you could get such a standing. Evidently the three womes herole courage of their grandfather and good picture of it ! And, oh, is that the were together. They were plain wemen grandmother, he had also dwelt so lovingly apple tree you've told us about the one each with some good alsed bundles and upon the joys of that boyhood home, that where you used to get the 'water-cores' ?" they looked tired. If the ment had not she had never realised bow dreadfully "That very identical tree " said her been so absorbed in the late afternoon "poor" father's family must have been. father laughingly. "But bow did you re- news, surely some of them would have giv-Almost unconsciously she glanced around member about it?" the comfortable, tilg living room with "Why, of course I remembered. I've Presently a younger woman got on

roof -just us I used to love to listen to it - ONTARIO in my boyboad."

W. J. BLLIOTT, Principal

THE TALE OF THE GRUMBLER

will be clear t And summer will come ever blithesome ar

"Yes, that is quite true," replied Numb We'll be dead every bird, ere it comes suid the Third.

"But we'll venture right out and swim And learn not to fear it at all I've no "Yes," that we will do," said the say

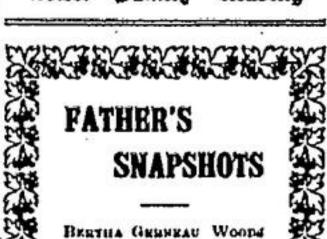
think it will do," agreed Number Two

At the foot of the hill which they all had

lad days that were cheerful and days that

liut final success came their efforts to bless

Relect Yamily Reading



YATHER'S face turned from daughter to the other, almost

through the old place, and were so cordial. And when I got these anapahote and they all turned out so well I can't tell you how pleased I was. I knew what it would mean

"Now here," he said, pointing to a small

and years. I was whirled back in my teens

it was. Somehow, though father had told

We back the goods we offer touches of luxury on every hand. These siways loved everything you and mother car. She was a very pretty young woman, and make our prices satisfac. were certainly "better days"-she was could tall me about yourselves before I had with a touch of mischief and audsoity glad her own childhood had been so differ- the privilege of knowing you ! If it ian't about her, and a box of candy. Some of ent from father's. Something of the same lovely to have these plotures ! And sren't the men happened to be turning their ber heels, slippers and pumps. feeling was in Ruth's mind, too, as she they the dearest people to make you feel so uswepapers just at that moment. Nubare Buildian was looking not at the Our repairing is carefully and best over the plotures. Happily, father at home there? Well ! Even letting you that is how they happened to see her. was too absorbed in the old scenes to rummare the attio! Who's this, father? notice the peculiar took on his daughters' What a splendid, strong face "

"I wish Louise was here," he said sud. the buy men in that township. Not much dealy. "I thought at first I'd wait till she money - but a born leader and he stands came back from school before I showed my | for everything that is good and progressive, plotures, but-well, I guess the cruth is too. These are his girls-their latest I'm like a boy with a new top-I couldn't plotures. Nice girls as you ever saw,

His daughters laughted lightly with him | fine, true young woman."

went on, "and framed. I got such a good We have so few relatives on our side. I've ly they popped up on their feet like jacks. film it'il bear considerable enlargement. often thought of it and it does seem such a living to the old homestead. They're a

losing some of the pleasure of his plotures. I many other trips " He healtstad an almost imperceptible of anapahots. "There are some of our real | ed the same thing !"

Janet took the group ploture and aurvey. ed it rather critically. "So that's the

-well, you can see them for yourselves."

whole family of Baker cousins, is it?" And she laughed, though she bent over audilanly to kise him. "They're all right, of course, and they do look good and sulwouldn't have some of the girls I know see these for unvehing. Just after we've been taken into the Mayflower Descendants. too! Why, father, you ought to see the little berefooted boy trudging all those lovely old figinted portraits the Ellis girls | miles to school, and helping every way you | ly elected as follows: Hon. Pros. -- Hev. J. have—their father is straight in descent could at home, too-you didn't have any W. Ras: President-Miss Jessie Mollon from one of the parliest l'lymouth governors. and Mrs. Ellis, too." "Ellis, Ellis ?" said father, thoughtfully.

up in that bank soundal-a fellow no one trusts Y" "Why, for, father," Ruth said rather easy for me all my life long !" resentfully. "I suppose it was his money that saved him from Htate's prison, and I must say I never exactly liked him myself. but he's of enlanded family. Their library

and dining room are just lined with family

nortrails." Romething in her father's face brought a little sigh of impatience into her voice a she said : "Yes, the Ellis girls are very roud of their library. They have geneology dating lack I don't know how far-and the cost of arms -Mrs. Ellis is of serious now. Perhaps Louise's words had

aplendid family, too, you know !" "Ifmm !" said father thoughtfully turning over his pictures. He hadtated a moment, then produced again the one of Cousin Eph Baker. "I don't know where you'd see a finer face than that I" he said "I asked the girls to write to you-but perhaps it would be better if you dropped a line to them first. They're a little shybut as nice girls as you ever saw. I told them they'd have to visit us another year.

A faint sound from Janet and Ruth to gether made him look up. "What's the matter ?" he saked. "Don't you went them to come? Why, girls they're a credit to any family. Here's Caroline-awast as a pink, put hernel through the Academy at Greenville, and teaching school now. Everybody thinks the world of her. And Bessle-worth her weight in gold, which is saying a good deal,

"I should say so," Janet laughed rather

for she's pretty solid."

"Yes, and I tell you, the older I get, the more I feel the ties of blood," said bar father. "You girls will feel it more, too, as you grow older. Now here's Eph, father said with a long look at the plain strong face of his "first cousin"-"it's a shame we've kept up with each other so little, but we both promised to turn over a new leaf. Ho's a man all the way through Some day I'll tell you what some of the neighbors told me about the stand he took on some town questions when they needed a torn leader and a clean fearless' man Talk about blood ! He shows his in the finest kind of way-he does !" Homething had unconsciously crept into the father's tone-with his champlesship of the absent cousin. It was as if he felt a sort of

> antagonism in his daughters where he had expected something very different. Five minutes later he was going slowly up the stairs with the portfolio of pictures "The girls don't seem to think much of them," he said rather heavily to his wife "and I must say I'm disappointed. Janet and Ruth both have great ideas about family and blood, and they're proud of belonging to the 'Mayflower Descendanta'

but they have notions that those same spontors wouldn't own to." "They are young," said the mother, "and have a great deal to learn !" Buildenly there was a sound of girlis feet on the stairs-and in another moment

"Oh, the plotures, father ! Did you get ugly family in the course of my life." them unpacked ? And I wasn't here ?" With almost a touch of reluctance father began once more to take out his treasurer. But somehow before he knew it, he falt the return of his first boyish enthusiasm over

"Ob, father, you darling ! To think of determined interest They quite failed, going to give her sheets." And feeling

"That's Cousin Eph Haker. He's one of

Youtes. Not much used to city ways, but -Janet laying her hand for a moment on "I like their looks!" Louise said, after a long, close scrutiny. "Father, wouldn't it "I'm going to have this enlarged," father | be nice if they could visit us sometime?

And here's a picture of the folks that are shame not to keep up with those we have." "I did ask them," said her father. Ruth sort of family connection, you know-no and Janet who had slipped quietly into the room, soon after Louise's entrance, said "I must say I'm glad they're not." Ruth | nothing, but somehow their expressions said as a laugh alipped out. 'Toodness, were quite different from those they had "They are fine people," father, said were beginning to see the disappointment down, beaming. defensively. "And they are kindness itself that their own reception of the pictures to me-letting me roam over the house as must have been to father-possibly a dim standing. There was an unexay movement accomplished. None of us can strive to be if it were still ours. Why, they turned realisation had come to them that after all

"Bear, dear little house i" Louise had same time; they both spoke at once, and success. Where we intend to hit, there ploked up sgain the anspehot of the little each spoke to the third woman with we must constantly aim, and not be dis-Janet and Ruth made an inarticulate old farmbouse, and suddenly pressed it to bundler. sound that was meant to express sympathy | her face. "I've always longed to see the with father-and something else, too. place where you were born. Why can't we Just what was it? Somehow father was all go there some time? We make so

"No reason in the world why we should moment before he drew out another market not," said her father, "your mother suggestkinsfolk," he said, "the Baker cousins. "It's a pity how-how luxury sort of settled berself in the vacant place, and solence. Where should we be without from ocean for its wonderful value Here's Eph Haker-my first cousin, you spoils us sometimes, isn't it ?" Louise said consumed a well-sarned chocols know. He's on the old place just a mile thoughtfully, slowly, as if she found diffi-

luxurious, we don't half remember all the straits people had to go through years and years ago to make things so pleasant for us From Our Issue of the Free Press of now. When we joined the Mayflower Discendents it all seemed to come over me how-how unworthy I really was to belong.

There's that old diary of Grandma's that statial, and all that-but, oh dear, I you let us read-and her mother's. They didn't realize, did they, half how wonderful and brave they were in those ploneer days. And you didn't realise when you were a bles how strong and fine it was making ski ; Vice-President-Miss Mary Lambert you, and what you were going to mean to Rea. Soo. - Miss Relicoca Anderson ; Cor. all of us, by and by, did you ?" she laughed | Sec .- D. M. Hondorson : Trousurer-Miss rather shakily. "Well, it's something to Annie Smith. Conveners of Committee "Do you mean John Ellis that was intrad

> tender, and he threw an arm around his Mr. J. It. Konnedy; Good Literaturedaughter. "You'd fill the bill anywhere Miss M. Cobban. and any time-you'd have made as good a | Mathodist Hunday School Officers for plouser as any of them."

time. The faces of Janet and Ruth were | - R. J. Edmiaton, R. Bomerville; Black set them to thinking !

NOT TO BE MENDED

Charles Dickens once wrote to a frier "I have distinguished mysolf in two respects lately. I took a young lady, unknown, down to dinner, and talked to her about the Bishop of Durham's pepotism in the matter of Mr. Cheese. I found she was Mrs. Choses. And expetiated to the member for Marylebone, thinking him to e an Irish member, on the contemptible charcter of the Marylebone constituency sister to Mrs. Morrison, corner Mill and and the Marylebone representative,"

Two such mishape in one evening were way to visit Mrs. James Sharp she was enough to reduce the most brilliant talker overcome with weakness and when opposite to the condition of the three inside passes. Mr. W. H. Denny's she fell. Kind hands gere of a London-bound coach, who beguil- carried her in but she soon passed away. ed the tedium of the journey from Bouth- Bhe was a devoted Christian, and a member impton by discussing the demerits of of the Methodist Church. William Cobbett, until one of the party The sail news has reached Acton of the went so farms to assert that the object of death of Donald Kennedy, son of the late

given to beating his wife. Much to his dismay the solitary woman passenger, who had hitherto ast a silent about twenty years.

latener, remarked : "Pardon me, air, a kinder husband and father never breathed; and I capte to know, for I am William Cobbett's wife." Mr. Gulles of Virginia and Judge Daval of Maryland, members of Congress during Washington's administration boarded the house of a Mrs. Ulbhou, whose daugh ters were well on in years, and remarkable for talkativeness. When Jefferson became President, Daval

silence was a pain and a grief. Finally she was Comptroller of the Treasury, and Quiles a Benator. Meeting one day in Washington, they fell to chatting over old times, and the Senator saked the Comptroller if he knew what had become of "that eackling old maid, Jenny Gibbon. "Rhe is Mrs. Daval, sir," was the unex-

nected reply. Guiles did not attempt to mand matters as a certain Ma subserville unwisely did Happening to observe to a fellow guest that the lady who had sat at his right hand at dinner was the unliest woman he had ever beheld, the personaddressed expresses his regret that he should think his wife as

ill-looking. "I have made a mistake," said the horri fied Tuberville. "I meant the lady who sat on my laft." "Well, air, she is my slater."

This brought the frank avowal : cen't be belowd, sir, then ; for if what you

SEATS FOR FOUR

The car was crowded, and behind a ram part of newspapers several abla-bodied uses were devouring the latest news with gerous abs ross to go.

an the women their seate.

Two or three of them were on their feet in a moment. The young woman thanked one belonging to me no one in the world the searcet, looked at the vacant seat, and I haven't a thing that was mother's. than, as the other two man resumed their seemed so clear just to have this made for newspapers, she touched one of the woman his screething to keep always and nor

with the bundles. "Here is a seat," she said, pleasantly. And the tired bundle-barrier dropped into

That lafe the pretty young woman still "Well, I suppose it takes all kinds to withers and bursts the bunk .- George Mostanding, and two other men happened to make a world," which was a concession turn their papers just in time. Instant | good for her soul.

"My seat," said one of them.

"I her you-" said the other. "Thank you, sir," said the young woman stick to it, and let others alone, is the rule to the first, and so the second set down again, she reached out and touched the If you wish to break through a solid wall sibow of another of the bundle carriers. you do not attempt to do it by knocking father, what backwooday-looking people !" worn a half-hour before. Perhaps, they The older woman stared, grinned, and sat first here and then there along its whole

behind the newspapers. Then two men too much, but we weaken our lives by me loose in the old attio-it was a wet, they were not living up to their principles folded their papers and rose with a sheeplals striving to be too many. If we aim our drively day, so I heard the 'rain on the as members of the Mayflower Descendents ! kind of determination. They rose ut the life low, we shall mover succeed in high couraged, but keep constantly at our pur-

"My seat, madem," said the other.

"Won't you -" said one.

TWENTY YEARS AGO Thursday, Dec. 19th, 1895.

Mr. Cameron Warren, who has just graduated from the County Model School has been engaged toucher for Dubli Belool for next year. Mr. Geo. Midgely will resume his studies with a view to a higher certificate.

live up to-only somehow I feel sort of Look-Out-Miss Armstrong: Prayer ashamed to have had everything made so Meeting-Mrs. Mcl'hall : Bunday-Belicol-Miss Moltherson ; Calling-Miss Lizzle "Why, Louise!" Father's voice was Scott : Social-Silve McPhail: Flower-

Knox Church V. P. B. C. E. officers new

1800 :- Supt. -IV. P. Moore ; Secy. Treas. He was putting away the tressured -R. J. Gurney ; Aust. do-Ida McNubb plotures now with a happy expression on Labrarians-C. Williams, C. H. Moore, A. his face. Louise had brought back to him K. Gurney ; Organist, Miss Annie Mothe full satisfaction in them that his other Nable, Asat do-Miss Lizzie McLam; daughters had robbed him of for a little Orchestra Leader-Chas. Jonner; Ushers board-W. Edmiston; Teachers-Itev. J. E. Howell, M. A., T. T. Moore, Miss

Maggie Matthews, J. H. Coleman, Lottle E. Speight, Mina Walker, Oco. Vincent. Thos. Camble, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. H. P. Moore, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. James McLam, Mrs. I. Francis, Miss Maggio Ebbare, Mrs. John Agnew, Mrs. C. C. Speight, Mrs. John Stephenson, Miss Clare E. Moore. Reserve Teachers-Rev. W. Bryers, Mr. I. Vrancis, Mrs. Oram, Misses Nottle Clark, Allie Laing, Nellie Brown

Annie Stephenson. Death came suddenly to Miss Robinson. Frederick Streets, on Monday. On her

their denunciation was a domestic tryant, Malcolm Kennedy. He died at Cripple Creek, Col., where he was engaged in min' ing, from posumonis. He had been absent

> THE IBISH LACE Barab Bullings, dropping in on her old friend, Ellen Kirke, found her sitting in the big bay window, croobsting Irish lace. She liked Miss Kirke but nevertheless she falt a certain irritation whenever her glance fell on the piece of fairy-like lace To her, as to the Hebrew pealmist, to keep

spoke out : "Ellen Kirke, I don't see how you can reconcile it with your immortal soul weste so many house over such trifling." Miss Kirke looked up with a mischlevous

ight in her saft brown eyes. "Maybo it's just because my soul is immortal, Sarali. That makes you feel as if there was plently of time to alt down and enjoy things now and then." "We're put here to work," Mrs. Bull

man contanded.

Miss Kirks nodded serenely. always found I did my heat work if I sai and rested a spell between times. Besides this is for Alice Gilman's wedding gown. "Alles Gilman!" Mrs. Stillman's voice betrayed her exasperation. "Of all the foolishness. Why, Alice Gilman will have to save every penny if she and John are going to get married this spring instead of

waiting till he gets a promotion. She can't waste modey on floary." "That," Miss Kirks responded happily "le one of the reasons I'm making this lace

for her, Sarah. Don't you think it's a pretty good one ?" "No I don't," Hereh responded bluntly "I think it's downright foolishmen. that the conversation was becoming dan

A week later she carried the sheets to Alice. Mrs. Stillesan was as grecerous as she was practical; the sheats were of the not Jedged" is valid only at those rare times when we are feeling humble and beet quality and hammed neatly by hand, and Alice's pleasure in them was great. While she talked radiantly of her plane, flad the attitude : "Who am I that I should she showed Mrs. Stillman her other gifts Yest of all she just in her visitor's band a But the normal attitude is: "Who are my box delatily that with Hbbook

"It's for my wadding gown," she sald "Bid you ever see anything so lovely?" less but at the girl's face. "You see," Alice explained, "I have me

hape pass on-" The girl grew silent but her fingers carressed the lace. At the moment Mrs. Stillman felt awk. it with a smile that spoke volumes of gra- | ward ; she could find nothing to say. Hut

BYICK TO IT When you have chosen your occupation for success. There is sound wisdom in it. laugeli. You select one point, and atrike But the pretty young woman was still there, blow after blow, until your object is

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poss, until aucocas crowns our efforts --

The protty young woman thanked him, Founded on the researches of modern at the huncient Britons. They hadn't got no science, and where are

THE WAY OF IT A little boy made him a wee anowhall And it gathered the crystals and olung to

them all.
And oh, how that anowhall did gro You've made one, of course, so you know. A little boy whispered a word one day Unkind of some one he know.

And each one who heard it repeated his The story, till sh how it grew. Oh, my, And a heartache was caused by it, too. Two little red mittens the small hall roll

That grew in such manicul way, And a little red tongue was the one The tale that grew blg in a day.

do careful, wee tongues, what you say.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS. The mistletee imme in the castle

Where the late was born.

-Langfellow. At Christmas I no more desire a Than wish a snow in May's now-

Re merry all, be merry all With holly dress the festive hall. Prepare the song, the feast, the

To welcome morry Christmas. -W. R. Hpencor. and rest ye. little children; let nothing you affright. For Jeans Christ, your Baylour, was born this home night. Along the tills of Unillee the white flocks sleeping iny

When Christ, the child of Naza-

It is told of a well-known novelist, that he recently left his city home for a time, and took a country bouse not far from the setate of a millionaire lam-manufacturer. retired. This, manhaving married an earl's

novelist an impudent letter, vowing that it was outrageous the way the author's servants were trespessing on his grounds.

Dear Bir : I am very sorry to hear that my servents have been posching on your

SYMPPINO SYCHES After all the right kind of boy will make any kind of work a stapping stone to higher things. Even soting as a golf caldie need not be "blind alley" that some observers, particularly in Great Britain have thought it. A Massachusette man who was a caddie about Afteen years upo writes chamist, electrician, drug clark, policeman, carpenter, business man and professions

ATTTING IN JUDGHER

insignificant. On these rare considers we pass Judgmant upon my fellowmen ?" followings that I should refrain from page lag judgessot upon them "-Life.

Generally speaking, charity is more of a ad then an obsession Most of us can't even do our duty with.

going bome she exclaimed to herself, the swalling, of the fresh life within, that

The perfect people work for them; running errands and counting columns of

Only triffes are always true. Every

great and serious truth has an observe side which is also true. . . Miller's Worm Powders are par excell

No Asthma Remedy Like It. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is distinctly different from other so-called remedies. Were this not so it would not have contiqued its great work of relief until known Kellogg's, the foremost and best of al

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The holly branch shone on the old oak wall.

Hang with many a change Christmas carols until morn.

faugled shows.

reth, was born on Christman -D. M. Mulock.

"THE GENTLE ANT."

daughter, was ashamed of the trade whereby he had piled up his fortune. The Jam-manufacturer one day wrote the

The novelist wrote back :

P. S. You'll excuse my mentioning

our preserves, won't you? to a Boston newspaper that among his escolates on the links at that time there was a doces boys who have become respectively lawyer, dootor, teacher, dentiet, builder,

golf player-all successful and to their work.

Gibbs-"Stout people, they say, are revely guilty of mannass or crime." Dibbs -"Well, you see, it's so difficult for them to stoop to snything low." The admonition "judge not that we be

Nothing joits an agotist so successfully

out making a fuse about it. The only period person you will ever most is the parisot fool. Age is not all decay; it is the ripeding.

The people who make mistakes load the

ent the medicine for children who are found authoring from the ravages of worms. They immediately siter the stomschio conditions under which the worms subsist and drive them from the system, and, at the same time, they are topical in their effect upon the digestive organs, restoring them to bealthful operation and ensuring immunity from further disorde from such a

beyond where I was reared. He has a fine | culty in choosing her words. "Why, we

family of young folks-all doing well and got so used to baving everything sany and

Exchange. She took the first. The second man "A-a seat," he said to the pretty young